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WILMINGTON, N. C., NOVEMBER 18th, 1868.

The Synod of North Carolina, at its last meeting held in Newbern, N. C., on the 2d day of Nov'r 1867, adjourned to meet in the city of Wilmington on the 4th day of November 1868, at 7½ o'clock P. M. But the Rev. Archibald Currie, Moderator of the Synod, postponed the meeting for two weeks. The reason for this change was the disturbed state of the country in view of the Presidential election. And the change was made at the earnest solicitation of thirty-four ministers and upwards of fifty ruling-elders of the Synod. The Presbytery of Concord, at its recent sessions, unanimously gave its consent to the change. And the Presbytery of Orange, at its late meeting, unanimously requested the Moderator of Synod to make the change.

In accordance with this appointment of the Moderator, the Synod of North Carolina met in the city of Wilmington on the 18th day of November 1868, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Archibald Currie, Moderator, from 1 John, i: 3: "And truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."

The Synod was then constituted with prayer.

The roll of Ministers and Churches was called, and the following members were found to be present, viz:

PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

MINISTERS—Jacob Doll, A. G. Hughes, A. Currie, Thos. U. Faucette, P. H. Dalton, J. Henry Smith, F. H. Johnston, D. E. Jordan, James C. Alexander, Calvin N. Morrow, L. C. Vass, William B. Tidball and H. B. Pratt.

RULING-ELDERS—W. J. Murray, George W. Wharton, Stephen Neal, Wm. H. Crow and D. F. Morrow.

CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS—Jesse Rankin, Robert Burwell, John Doug-

lass, N. Shotwell, R. H. Chapman, D.D., Walter W. Pharr, Thomas N. Paxton, R. N. Davis, A. W. Miller, D.D., J. Rumple, D. A. Penick, Jr., William A. Wood and E. H. Harding.

RULING-ELDERS—R. I. McDowell and John A. Young.

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS—Hector McLean, H. A. Monroe, Neill McKay, J. P. McPherson, C. Shaw, A. McMillan, S. Caldwell Alexander, J. M. Sherwood, D. D. McBryde, M. McQueen, N. T. Bowden, John H. Coble, H. L. Singleton, D. Fairley, H. G. Hill, M. McNair, James H. Colton, S. H. Isler, B. F. Marable, A. N. Ferguson, James Kelly, Luther McKinnon and K. McIntyre.

RULING-ELDERS—J. D. McNeill, M. McKinnon, N. L. McNeill, D. McKinnon, Neill Graham, Wm. K. Cromartie, George S. Carr, John McLaurin, A. Baker, S. Player, J. C. Smith, William J. Currie, H. Graham, D. C. McIntyre, Patrick Murphy and M. Morrison.

ABSENT—PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

MINISTERS—Thomas Lynch, George W. Ferrill, Edward Hines, S. A. Stanfield, Joseph M. Atkinson, Drury Lacy, D.D., Charles Phillips, D.D., Calvin H. Wiley, J. M. M. Caldwell and D. T. Towles.

ABSENT—PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

MINISTERS—R. H. Morrison, D.D., D. A. Penick, Sen., Daniel Lindley, Thomas P. Johnston, J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, Wm. N. Morrison, G. W. McPhail, D.D., E. F. Rockwell, William Graves, George W. Gibbs, J. F. W. Freeman, Thomas E. Davis, S. C. Millen, D.D., John C. Williams, S. C. Pharr, D.D., Jacob Hood, B. L. Beall, Wm. C. Sheetz, J. S. Barr, G. D. Parks, Alex'r Sinclair, William W. Pharr, R. Z. Johnston, R. B. Anderson, William McDonald, H. H. Banks, J. J. Kennedy and R. H. Caldwell.

ABSENT—PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

MINISTERS—Simeon Colton, D.D., Hector McNeill, D. B. Black, H. McAlister, J. M. Sprunt, James McQueen and A. McQueen.

Rev. D. D. McBryde was chosen Moderator, and Rev. J. Rumple and Rev. L. C. Vass were chosen Temporary Clerks.

On motion, the Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 1868.

Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The roll was called.

The Minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

Mr. J. C. Wharton, Ruling-Elder of the Presbytery of Orange, and Mr. H. Broaddus, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, appeared in Synod and took their seats.

The following Ministers rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting of Synod, viz: Rev. Wm. B. Tidball, Jesse Rankin, Robert Burwell, R. N. Davis, J. Rumple, E. H. Harding, Neill McKay, A. McMillan, N. T. Bowden, John H. Coble, M. McNair, B. F. Marable, B. L. Beall, J. S. Barr, H. H. Banks, E. F. Rockwell, D. Lacy, D.D., and R. Z. Johnston.

The following Ministers rendered satisfactory reasons for absence at the calling of the roll at the close of the last meeting of Synod, viz: A. Currie, J. H. Smith, H. G. Hill and H. H. Banks.

Rev. E. Thompson Baird, D.D., and Rev. J. G. Hamner, D.D., of the Synod of Virginia, and Rev. J. C. Hiden, Pastor of the Baptist Church, Wilmington, were, on motion, invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Narratives on the state of religion from Orange, Concord and Fayetteville Presbyteries were read, and, on motion, referred to the committee appointed to prepare an address to the churches.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees, viz:

1. ON BILLS AND OVERTURES.—*Ministers:* A. Currie, H. A. Munroe and J. Rumple. *Ruling-Elders:* D. McKinnon and S. Neal.

2. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.—*Ministers:* R. H. Chapman, D.D., Neill McKay and S. C. Alexander. *Ruling-Elders:* J. C. Smith, Sr., and Jno. A. Young.

3. On the Minutes of Orange Presbytery.—*Ministers:* John H. Cobie and C. Shaw. *Ruling-Elder:* A. Baker.

4. On the Minutes of Concord Presbytery.—*Ministers:* M. McQueen and D. E Jordan. *Ruling-Elder:* Dr. Neill Graham.

5. On the Minutes of Fayetteville Presbytery.—*Ministers:* E. H. Harding and F. H. Johnston. *Ruling-Elder:* Geo. W. Wharton.

6. To Prepare an Address to the Churches on the State of Religion.—*Ministers:* A. W. Miller, D.D., and Jesse Rankin. *Ruling-Elder:* D. F. Morrow.

7. On Devotional Exercises.—*Ministers:* H. L. Singleton and M. McQueen. *Ruling-Elder:* L. McLaurin.

8. On the Treasurer's Account.—*Minister:* J. M. Sherwood. *Ruling-Elders:* R. I. McDowell and Patrick Murphy.

9. On the Minutes of the General Assembly.—*Ministers:* H. G. Hill and D. E. Jordan. *Ruling-Elder:* M. McKinnon.

10. On Union Theological Seminary.—*Ministers:* H. L. Singleton and J. Henry Smith. *Ruling-Elder:* J. C. Wharton.

11. On Leave of Absence.—*Ministers:* David Fairley and Colin Shaw. *Ruling-Elder:* L. McLaurin.

12. On the Report of the Trustees of Synod.—*Ministers:* D. Fairley and L. McKinnon. *Ruling-Elder:* W. K. Cromartie.

The report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary was read, and, on motion, it was referred to the committee on the Seminary.

On motion, the nomination of Ministers and Elders to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors, and also to fill vacancies in the Board of Electors, was referred to the same committee.

An overture from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, respecting the division of the Presbytery, was received, and, on motion, it was referred to the committee on Bills and Overtures.

The statistical reports of the Presbyteries were presented. On motion, they were ordered to be spread on the Minutes and are as follows:

THE PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

The Presbytery of Orange report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of twenty-three ministers, and have under their care fifty-one churches, one licentiate and seven candidates; that since the last meeting of Synod they installed the Rev. William B. Tidball pastor of the church of Alamance; that on the 17th day of April 1868, they dismissed, at his own request, the Rev. A. D. Hepburn to join the Presbytery of Oxford, Ohio; that on the same day, they dismissed, at his own request, Mr. Alexander Kirkland, a licentiate, to place himself under the care of Fayetteville Presbytery; that on the same day they

dismissed, at his own request, Mr. George Williamson Finley, a licentiate, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Winchester; that on the 18th day of April 1868, they dismissed, at his own request, the Rev. H. G. Hill to join the Presbytery of Fayetteville; that since the last meeting of Synod, they organized a church at Mebaneville, N. C.; that on the 2d day of October, they received by certificate the Rev. J. M. M. Caldwell from the Presbytery of Concord; that on the same day, they received under their care Rev. William S. Lacy, a licentiate, by certificate from the Presbytery of Roanoke; that on the same day, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. S. A. Stanfield and the church of Milton; and that since the last meeting of the Synod they organized a church at Henderson, N. C.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JACOB DOLL, Stated Clerk

Nov. 19, 1868.

THE PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina:

1. That they consist of 41 ministers and 69 churches, and have under their care 1 licentiate and 12 candidates.

2. That 18 of their ministers are pastors, 9 are stated supplies, 1 is a foreign missionary to South Africa (Daniel Lindley,) 2 are domestic missionaries (Thos. P. Johnston and William Graves,) 5 are teachers, viz: G. W. McPhail, D.D., E. F. Rockwell, Robert Burwell, T. E. Davis and R. B. Anderson. Dr. McPhail is *ex-officio* pastor of College church, and Rev. R. B. Anderson is stated supply of a church in Bethel Presbytery; 1 is evangelist of Presbytery, (B. L. Beall,) and 6 are without charge.

3. That they received Rev. Thomas P. Johnston from the Presbytery of North Mississippi on the 9th of April 1868, and Rev. George M. Gibbs from the Presbytery of Fayetteville on the 11th of April 1868, and Rev. John C. Williams from the Presbytery of South Carolina on the 24th of September 1868.

4. That they dismissed Rev. William M. Kilpatrick to the Presbytery of Western Texas on the 9th of April 1868, and Rev. J. M. M. Caldwell to the Presbytery of Orange, on the 24th of September 1868.

5. That they have lost by death Rev. J. D. Wilson and Rev. W. B. Watts,—the former on the 6th of April 1868, the latter the 19th of July 1868.

6. That they ordained to the Gospel Ministry, on the 13th of June 1868, Rev. John J. Kennedy, and on the 1st of August 1868, Rev. R. H. Caldwell.

7. That they installed Rev. S. C. Pharr, D.D., Pastor of Caldwell church (for one-half of his time,) on Saturday before the 5th Sabbath of September 1867, and Rev. R. N. Davis, pastor of Lincolnton church, (for one-half of his time,) on the 2d Sabbath of October 1867, and Rev. G. D. Parks, pastor of Sugar Creek church, (for the whole of his time,) on the 6th of June 1868, and Rev. J. J. Kennedy, pastor of New Hope church, (for the one-half of his time,) on the 13th of June 1868, and Rev. R. H. Caldwell, pastor of Bethany and Fifth Creek churches, on the 1st of August 1868.

8. That they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. D. Hall and the church of Goshen on the 11th of April 1868.

9. That they struck from their roll the names of Flat Creek, Reim's Creek and Duncan's Creek churches on the 11th of April 1868.

10. That 16 of their churches are vacant.

11. That only 8 of their 69 churches have the services of a pastor all of his time.

12. That they changed the name of Joppa church to Mocksville on April 11th, 1868.

Respectfully submitted.

R. Z. JOHNSTON, Stated Clerk.

By order of Presbytery, November 1868.

THE PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, that, at present, they consist of 30 ministers, and have under their care 69 churches, 3 licentiates and 7 candidates; that on the 18th day of December 1867, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. M. Sherwood and the church in Fayetteville, and declared said church vacant; that on the 7th day of March 1868, they lost by death Rev. Daniel Johnson; that on the 11th day of April 1868, they licensed Mr. Archibald McFadyen to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the Holy Ministry; that on the 12th day of the same month they ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry Mr. Kenneth M. McIntyre; that on the 6th day of May 1868, they received by letter Rev. H. G. Hill from the Presbytery of Orange; that on the 16th day of April 1868, they lost by death Mr. John B. McKinnon, one of our licentiates; that on the 16th day of November 1867, they organized the church of Catharine Lake, in Lower Richlands District, Onslow County, N. C.; that on the —— 1868, they organized the Salem church; that on the —— 1868, they installed Rev. D. B. Black pastor of Pike church; that on the 9th day of May 1868, they installed Rev. K. M. McIntyre pastor of Mineral Spring church; that on the 11th day of July 1868, they installed Rev. H. G. Hill pastor of the church in Fayetteville; and that on the 19th day of November 1868, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. M. McNair and Mount Tabor church, and declared said church vacant.

Respectfully submitted. J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

Nov. 19, 1868.

The reports of Orange, Concord and Fayetteville Presbyteries on Systematic Benevolence were read, and, on motion, were ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The committee appointed to prepare a sketch of the life and labors of Rev. James Phillips, D.D., made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The committee appointed by the Synod of North Carolina to bring in a minute respecting the life and labors of Rev. James Phillips, D.D., respectfully submit the following, viz:

Dr. Phillips was the son of Rev. Richard Phillips, of the established church of England, and was born at Newenden, Essex County, April 22d, 1792. The

early part of his life was spent in Cornwall County, where his father served as rector in the Episcopal church. In A. D. 1818 he came to this country, in company with an older brother, Samuel A. Phillips, now a resident of the city of New York. Soon after his arrival in this country he took charge of an academy at Harlaem, in New York State, where his diligence and talents soon built up for him a reputation as a successful instructor of youth. In A. D. 1826 he became a professor in the University of North Carolina. At a meeting of Orange Presbytery, at New Hope Church, September 7th, 1833, he was licensed to preach the gospel, and was ordained by the same Presbytery, April 25th, 1835, and died March 14th, 1867.

During the whole period of his ministerial life he was a beloved professor in the University of our State, and very few, if any, of her professors ever did more for the intellectual and spiritual advancement of that institution. A master in Israel and a giant in mind, he exerted all his energies in imparting to his pupils not only mental vigor but also that wisdom which cometh down from above. And so faithful was he and so much revered, that even the most thoughtless and reckless and wicked among the students would always come into his presence with profound respect, and would always treat him with the utmost reverence. During the whole period of the forty-one years of his connection with the College, he never failed more than half dozen times to be present with his classes at the appointed hour. To his credit also, it may be mentioned, that Lieutenant Maury, while at the head of the National Observatory, had two of his pupils as assistants, and applied to secure a third as instructor of his own children, stating that he desired them to have the benefit of the same training which had rendered his assistants such ready and accurate mathematicians. Let it also be stated here, that when he was called to go up higher, the Master found him at his post, upon the rostrum of the College Chapel, whither he had gone to conduct morning prayers with the students.

Dr. Phillips was never the installed pastor of any church; yet as an ambassador for Christ, he was instant in season and out of season, always abounding in the work of the Lord. For many years he was stated supply of New Hope Church, and during the period of his ministry among that people, he was not left without many indications of the divine approbation. It was also mainly through his instrumentality that a neat and commodious church edifice was erected at the University, where we now have a little flock worshipping God under the ministry of his son, Rev. Charles Phillips, D.D., as stated supply.

Another field of his labors was more widely extended. During the College vacations he was wont to travel, through various sections of the State, and preach the gospel from place to place. And it would be impossible to estimate the value of his services in this department of his labor. It is probable that he seldom preached without making lasting impressions upon some minds. And though no immediate results were often witnessed, yet it frequently occurred that individuals who came forward, long afterwards, to make professions of their faith, would refer to some discourse of Dr. Phillips as that which first awakened them to thoughtfulness and the beginning of a new life.

Our beloved father and brother never had the privilege of attending an Eng-

lish University; indeed his educational facilities were quite limited, and he prided himself on being a self-made man. He belonged emphatically to the old school —in manners, in religious belief and in most of his forms of thought. While he rejected no new theories simply because they were new, he embraced none without careful examination and thorough conviction of their truth and worth. His favorite religious reading lay among the old non-conformist divines. His favorite authors were Owen, and Charnock, and Gurnell, and Perkins, and Ambrose, and others of the same school. But the book which he prized above all was the oldest of all—God's Holy Word.

Dr. Phillips was ardent in his attachments, and though a man of strong will, was always ready to forgive. He was a man of high moral courage, and an uncompromising Presbyterian. While living in New York he left the communion of the Episcopal Church, in which he had been born and reared, because the tendency of the high-church party was in opposition to the evangelical simplicity of his father's church in England. As a preacher, he was zealous, ardent, and unusually affectionate and melting. He was mighty in the scriptures, and there have lived but few men more gifted in prayer. His petitions at a throne of grace were copious, fervent, elevated and unutterably solemn. He seemed indeed in audience with the Deity and wholly unconscious of any other presence. He was peculiarly happy in the use of scripture texts and phrases woven like threads of gold into all his petitions, confessions and ascriptions. When pleading for lost sinners and afflicted saints, how tender and how melting were his appeals! The strong man would weep, and the big, unbidden tear would roll freely down his tender cheeks. Who that ever heard him pray does not remember the tenderness and pathos with which he would utter the words "Blessed Redeemer." He had a peculiarly tender and ardent personal affection for the Lord Jesus. And these melting appeals at a throne of grace, and these impassioned exhortations, were simply the pouring out of his soul in his earnest desire for the blessing of God upon his hearers.

Dr. Phillips was a great and good man; respected and honored by all who knew him, and most loved by those who knew him best.

Resolved, 1. That we have lost a father and a friend, and that we have special reason to thank God for his long life of activity and usefulness among us, and for the precious memory of his light and love.

Resolved, 2. That we are admonished to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light—the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

Resolved, 3. That a copy of this minute be forwarded by the Stated Clerk to the "North Carolina Presbyterian" for publication, and one also to the family of the deceased.

The committee appointed to prepare a sketch of the life and labors of Rev. Stephen Frontis made a report, which was accepted, and, on motion, the following preamble and resolution was adopted, viz:

Whereas, the biographical sketch of the life and labors of the Rev. Stephen Frontis, which has just been read to the Synod, had been previously adopted substantially by the Presbytery of Concord, and recorded in a book kept for that

purpose; and whereas, it has already been published in the "North Carolina Presbyterian," and in the "Southern Presbyterian Review," therefore

Resolved, That the above-mentioned sketch be filed away among the papers of Synod, by the Stated Clerk.

The committee appointed to prepare a sketch of the life and labors of Rev. Walter Smiley Pharr made a report, which was accepted, and, on motion, the following preamble and resolution was adopted, viz:

Whereas, the sketch of the life and labors of the Rev. Walter S. Pharr, just read to the Synod, has been published in the "North Carolina Presbyterian," therefore,

Resolved, That the above-mentioned sketch be filed away among the papers of the Synod, by the Stated Clerk.

It was announced to the Synod that the Rev. John D. Wilson and Rev. Winslow B. Watts, of Concord Presbytery, had died since the last meeting. Whereupon a committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. R. H. Chapman, D.D., D. A. Penick, Jr., and William A. Wood were appointed to bring in a brief memorial of these brethren.

It was also announced that the Rev. Daniel Johnson, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, had died since the last meeting of Synod. Whereupon a committee, consisting of Rev. John H. Coble, M. McNair, and A. Baker, ruling-elder, were appointed to prepare a suitable minute touching his life and labors.

The report of the Trustees of Synod was read, and, on motion, it was referred to the standing committee on that subject.

On motion, the report of the Agent of Education was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and.

On motion, the Rev. Dr. Hamner was invited to address the Synod on the subject of Education, after the reading of the report.

On motion, the report of the Agent of Publication was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock A. M. on Friday.

On motion, the report of the Agent on Sustentation was made the second order of the day for Friday.

On motion, the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions was made the third order of the day for Friday.

On motion, Synod then took recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

At 3 o'clock P. M. the Synod met, and the order of the day was taken up.

Rev. Neill McKay, Synodical Agent on Education, read his report, which was, on motion, accepted.

The Synod was then addressed by Rev. J. G. Hamner, D.D., Rev. E. T. Baird, D.D., and others, after which the following resolutions, were adopted, viz:

1. Resolved, That the increased number of candidates for the Ministry in our church is cause of devout gratitude, gives renewed encouragement for continued prayer to the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers, and calls upon all our people and churches to use all lawful and practicable means to raise up and sustain a pious, learned and efficient ministry.

2. Resolved, That the Synod have heard with interest and profit, the Rev. Dr. Hamner, on the subject of Education, appreciate his gratuitous labors in the premises, and cordially commend him to our people and churches.

Rev. G. Wilson McPhail, D.D., appeared in Synod and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Mr. William Murdoch, a ruling-elder of Concord Presbytery, and Messrs. B. F. Sanders and J. W. Wright, ruling-elders of Fayetteville Presbytery, appeared in Synod and their names were enrolled.

On motion, the Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9½ A. M.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 1868.

Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The roll was called and the Minutes were read and approved.

Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson and Rev. H. H. Banks appeared in Synod and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Messrs. William A. Faison and John H. Murphy, ruling-elders of Fayetteville Presbytery, appeared in Synod and their names were enrolled.

Letters were read from Rev. Charles Phillips, D.D., Rev. Edward Hines and Rev. Daniel A. Penick, Sen., rendering

satisfactory reasons for their absence from the present sessions of Synod.

Rev. J. L. Wilson, D.D., of the Synod of South Carolina, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Mr. D. A. Davis, Treasurer of the Synod, through the Stated Clerk, tendered the resignation of his office.

On motion, the resignation of Mr. Davis, as Treasurer, was accepted; and the thanks of the Synod were unanimously tendered to him for the fidelity with which he has discharged the duties of his office.

On motion, Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay, of Greensboro', N. C., was unanimously chosen as the Treasurer of this Synod.

The committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures beg leave to report, that they have in their hands an overture from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, asking the Synod to erect a new Presbytery, by dividing the said Presbytery. The overture is in the following words:

OVERTURE.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully overtures the Synod of North Carolina to erect a new Presbytery in the eastern part of what is now Fayetteville Presbytery, with the following boundary, viz:

Beginning on the South Carolina line with the western boundary of Columbus County, and running thence along the western boundary of Bladen and Sampson Counties to the southern boundary of Orange Presbytery, and thence along that line to the ocean; and that the new Presbytery thus erected be called "THE PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON."

This territory includes the following Ministers and Churches: H. A. Munroe, James Kelly, C. Shaw, S. C. Alexander, D. B. Black, H. L. Singleton, B. F. Marable, James M. Sprunt, Luther McKinnon, and S. H. Isler; with Licentiates N. W. Herring, J. A. Woodburn, and Archibald McFadyen. Churches: Beth-Car, Elizabethtown, Mount Horeb, Brown Marsh, Whiteville, White Plains, South River Chapel, Black River Chapel, Clinton, Springvale, Oak Plane, Union (in Duplin,) Grove, Goldsboro', Beaver Creek, Catharine Lake, Rockfish, Mount Zion, Hopewell, Keith, Moore's Creek, Pike, Mount Williams, 1st Church, Wilmington, 2d Church, Wilmington.

A true extract from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, at their sessions, held at Rockfish Church, Duplin County, N. C., November 17, 1868.

J. P. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

Your Committee recommend,

1. That the Synod of North Carolina do erect a new Presbytery out of a part of Fayetteville Presbytery. The new Presbytery to be known by the name of "THE PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON." The following to be the dividing line between the two Presbyteries:

Beginning on the South Carolina line with the western boundary of Columbus County, running thence along the western boundaries of Bladen and Sampson Counties to the southern boundary of Orange Presbytery, and with said line to the ocean. The new Presbytery to include the territory lying east and south of said line. The following members of Fayetteville Presbytery to compose the new Presbytery, viz: H. A. Munroe, James Kelly, Colin Shaw, S. C. Alexander, D. B. Black, H. L. Singleton, B. F. Marable, James M. Sprunt, L. McKinnon and S. H. Isler; with Licentiates N. W. Herring, J. A. Woodburn and Archibald McFadyen. Having under their care the following churches: Beth-Car, Elizabethtown, Mount Horeb, Brown Marsh, Whiteville, White Plains, South River Chapel, Black River Chapel, Clinton, Springvale, Oak Plane, Union (in Duplin,) Grove, Goldsboro', Beaver Creek, Catharine Lake, Rockfish, Mount Zion, Hopewell, Keith, Moore's Creek, Pike, Mount Williams, 1st Church, Wilmington, 2d Church, Wilmington.

2. That the Presbytery of Wilmington convene for the first time, in the parlor of Mr. Patrick Murphy's house, in the city of Wilmington, N. C., on this afternoon, the 21st day of November 1868, at 7½ o'clock; and that the Rev. Colin Shaw preside as Moderator.

The committee to whom the report of the Trustees of Synod was referred made their report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

The Committee to whom the report of the Trustees of Synod was referred respectfully present the following preamble and resolutions, for the adoption of Synod, viz:

Whereas, the Trustees of Synod have failed to obey the injunctions of the Synod last year, concerning the Lorantz Fund, and have failed also to give any reason for not obeying, and have also failed to inform the Synod whether they have taken any steps whatever to collect or secure moneys belonging to said Fund, therefore

Resolved, 1. That the Synod feels that by accepting the legacy of Mr. A. Lorantz, it has pledged itself to a faithful adherence to the conditions of that legacy, and is bound to see them carried out.

Resolved, 2. The Synod cannot approve the light and careless manner in which its injunctions have been treated by the Trustees.

Resolved, 3. That the Trustees be a second time directed to act, just as soon as practicable, upon the recommendations of Synod, adopted at its last meeting, and report to the Synod next Fall what they have done.

Morganton, N. C., was chosen as the place, and the second Wednesday of October 1869, at 7 o'clock P. M., as the time, for the next meeting of the Synod.

The committee to whom was referred the records of the Presbytery of Orange reported that they had examined the said records, and recommend that they be approved as far as written, viz: to page 475.

This report was accepted and adopted.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the Rev. J. Henry Smith, Synodical Agent of Publication and Colportage, read his report, which was, on motion, accepted.

The Rev. E. T. Baird, D.D., Secretary of the Assembly's Committee of Publication, then addressed the Synod by invitation. After some further discussion, the report of the Synodical Agent was, on motion, referred to a committee consisting of the several Presbyterial Agents of Publication and Colportage, viz: Rev. Messrs. Fairley, Harding and Smith.

On motion, the Synod then took recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

At 3 o'clock P. M. the Synod met.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Synodical Agent of Publication and Colportage made their report, which was accepted, amended, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Synodical Agent of Publication and Colportage respectfully recommend for the adoption of Synod the following preamble and resolutions, viz:

Whereas, there seems to be so many churches in the bounds of the several Presbyteries which do not contribute to the important cause of Publication, which have no Sabbath Schools, and are thus destitute of this means of training children in the pure and vital principles of religion, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the Synod do enjoin it upon the Presbyteries to require their churches to contribute, regularly, of their substance to this object.

Resolved, 2. That the Presbyteries also require their churches to establish Sabbath Schools where there are none, and to furnish these schools with the "Children's Friend" and the other excellent publications of the Central Committee.

The second order of the day was then taken up, and Rev. John M. Sherwood, Synodical Agent on Sustentation, made his report, which was, on motion, accepted.

The Synod was then addressed by Rev. J. L. Wilson, D.D., the Assembly's Secretary on Sustentation.

On motion, the following resolutions appended to the report were then adopted, viz:

Resolved, 1. That the Synod most heartily approves of the action of the last General Assembly, fixing the minimum salary of a laboring minister at

$600, and commends the action of the Presbyteries in their resolution to secure this amount to every minister who is faithfully devoting himself to his work.

Resolved, 2. That in securing this amount for each and every minister, the Presbyteries should labor faithfully to bring the churches up in their contributions, so that we may not only fully sustain the work in our own bounds, but furnish liberal aid in supplying the great wastes in other States.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to prepare a plan of systematic collections, and report the same to Synod at as early an hour as practicable.

Rev. A. W. Miller, D.D., Rev. H. L. Singleton, and Gen. John A. Young, ruling-elder, constitute this committee.

On motion, Synod then took recess until after public worship to-night.

After public worship the Synod met, and the third order of the day was taken up.

The report of Rev. R. Z. Johnston, Synodical Agent on Foreign Missions, was read, and, on motion, it was accepted.

The Synod was then addressed by the Rev. J. L. Wilson, D.D., the Assembly's Secretary of Foreign Missions.

On motion, the resolutions appended to the report of the Synodical Agent were adopted and are as follows, viz:

Resolved, 1. That the Synod thankfully acknowledges the blessing of God upon the Missionary efforts of the Church, and feels encouraged to present this cause as very worthy of the prayers and alms of our people.

Resolved, 2. That the Synod enjoins upon Pastors, Supplies and Sessions of all the Churches, to use faithfully all the means best adapted in their judgment to awaken interest in behalf of this cause, in the young people of our congregations, and to secure contributions to the same.

Resolved, 3. That Synod directs the attention of the members of our churches, and especially of heads of families and Sabbath School teachers, to "THE MISSIONARY," a small journal published by the Assembly's Committee of Foreign Missions, monthly, in Columbia, S. C., giving monthly intelligence concerning all of the Missionary operations of the church. [Terms, 50 cents a year packages of 20 or more 25 cents. Address "The Missionary," Columbia, S. C.]

On motion, Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, 1868.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The roll was called.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. John Everett, ruling-elder of Wilmington Presbytery, appeared in Synod and his name was enrolled.

On motion, it was resolved that the Synod will hereafter call upon ruling-elders in the same manner as upon ministers for their excuses for tardiness.

The committee appointed to prepare a brief memorial of Rev. John D. Wilson and Rev. W. B. Watts made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

The Committee appointed to prepare a brief memorial minute in relation to the decease of the Rev. Messrs. Wilson and Watts would submit to the consideration of the Synod the following:

The Great Head of the church has been pleased, in His sovereignty and wisdom, to remove from the labors of earth to the rest of heaven, Winslow Brainerd Watts and John Davies Wilson, members of this Synod, and brethren beloved in the Lord. The Synod of North Carolina, while expressing its grief, would, nevertheless, bow with submission to the Divine will, adoring the grace which made these brethren so lovely in life, so dear and lamented in death; and would bear an unfaltering testimony to the faith and love, the zeal and labor which characterized their entire ministry. "Faithfully did they serve God and His Church in their day and generation." Their work has been well and early done: and quickly have they been summoned to their reward. They died in the full vigor of manhood, and in the midst of their usefulness. "Thy way, O God, is in the sea, and thy path in the deep waters." "Clouds and darkness are round about thee, righteousness and judgment are the habitation of thy throne." The Synod would express its earnest sympathy with the bereaved widows and children of the deceased: and commend them to the God of promise and of covenant-keeping faithfulness, for peace and guidance, for comfort and full consolation: and would hereby instruct its stated clerk to forward to them copies of this minute.

The Synod would desire to take home to the heart the lessons taught in this afflictive dispensation of the Most High, resolving to work whilst the day lasts—to watch, lest the Master, "coming suddenly, should find His servants sleeping."

The Judicial committee reported that no papers or documents of a judicial character had come into their hands. On motion, this report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The committee on the records of Concord Presbytery presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The committee appointed to examine the records of Concord Presbytery report, that they have discharged that duty, and recommend their approval as far

as written, with one exception, viz: On page 407 it is stated that the Presbytery adjourned to meet at Back Creek, and there is no evidence that it was closed with prayer.

The committee on the minutes of the General Assembly made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the General Assembly for its last two sessions would embody its report for the adoption of Synod in the following resolutions, which express items and principles in the Assembly's proceedings of special interest to our people.

Resolved, 1. That in accordance with the teachings of the Assembly's minutes on page 141, our ministers should, from the pulpit, enforce the great doctrine, that "giving is an act of worship and a means of grace," to be performed and enjoyed with system and regularity.

Resolved, 2. That according to the recommendations of the Assembly's minutes, on pages 152, 265, 266, the Synod earnestly enjoins it upon the Presbyteries within its bounds to employ evangelists in its destitute fields as far as practicable, to have as much evangelistic work as possible performed by pastors, and to report annually to the Assembly the amount of this labor done.

Resolved, 3. That the Synod approves and reaffirms the Assembly's minute on page 266, and "urges our people to establish and encourage schools and colleges under Presbyterian influence, and not to send their children to schools where they are likely to be estranged from their own church."

Resolved, 4. That this Synod endorses the action of the Assembly, found on page 269 of the minutes, and in accordance with it enjoins upon its Presbyteries "to see that Sabbath Schools in the churches, and mission schools under the care of the churches, be established in all cases where it is practicable; and also to send up annually to the General Assembly special reports of the extent and character of the Sabbath School work within their bounds."

Resolved, 5. That we approve the Assembly's minutes on page 271, relating to the education of young men for the ministry; that we should extend the necessary aid to all our young men preparing for the gospel ministry; that our Presbyteries should bring the subject of contributions to this cause before all our churches, that each church member may contribute to it as "the Lord has prospered him;" and that our Presbyteries should make each year a full report of their operations to the central agency in time for the educational committee's annual report to the General Assembly.

Resolved, 6. That this Synod concurs with the Assembly's minute on page 272, and urges its Presbyteries "to require in future a more rigid adherence to the rules of the church regulating the formation and dissolution of the pastoral relation."

Resolved, 7. That this Synod agrees with the Assembly's recommendations on page 273 of the minutes in respect to the Publication Committee; that it urges the churches "to continue and enlarge their donations until this committee has a working capital of $50,000 as proposed by the Assembly, and that it enjoins upon the Presbyteries to introduce the books and publications of the committee within their bounds, by means of Colporteurs, wherever practicable.

Resolved, 8. That the Synod accords with the Assembly's action respecting sustentation, on page 274 of its minutes, and enjoins it upon the Presbyteries that they endeavor, by co-operation with this committee, to raise the salary of each laboring pastor to at least $600, and that they do not hereafter favor the settlement of pastors upon a less salary than this.

Resolved, 9. That the minutes on page 276, relating to Foreign Missions, deserve serious attention; that we urge the observance of the monthly concert of prayer for Foreign Missions, and the training of our children in Sabbath-schools to contribute to the Foreign Missionary work.

Resolved, 10. That the conditions mentioned in Minutes, pages 278 and 279, upon which the sustentation committee make appropriations, are approved by this Synod, and that each minister should preach at least once a year upon "the duty of worshipping God with our substance as he hath prospered us," and that each congregation should take up at least one annual collection for each of the four benevolent agencies of the church, while the Presbyteries are enjoined to require ministers sent as supplies to vacant congregations to take up collections for the schemes of the Assembly.

Resolved, 11. That the Synod approves the action of the Assembly relating to the relief of disabled ministers and their widows and orphans, found on page 280 of the minutes, and while it would not urge the raising of a large vested fund for this purpose, yet it would deem one annual collection in all our churches for the relief of our disabled brethren and their families a wise measure.

Resolved, 12. That our ministers be directed to read this paper from their pulpits to their congregations at their earliest convenience.

The committee appointed to prepare a plan of systematic collections made a report, which was read and accepted.

After some discussion it was referred to a committee of seven, to prepare a new report and present it to the Synod at its next stated meeting.

On this committee were appointed the following ministers and ruling-elders, viz: Rev. Messrs. Jesse Rankin, Jacob Doll, James H. Colton and E. H. Harding, with ruling-elders Stephen Neal, J. C. Smith, Jr., and Wm. Murdoch.

The committee appointed to prepare an address to the churches on the state of religion in the bounds of the Synod made a report, which was accepted and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Synod, and also in the "North Carolina Presbyterian."

Mr. D. A. Davis, Treasurer of Synod, made his report, which was read, and, on motion, referred to the committee on the Treasurer's account.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the

Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

The committee on the report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary respectfully report, that from their examination of the said report, they find abundant cause for gratitude to the Great Head of the church for His peculiar regard and blessings upon this venerable institution.

The Directors report that the examination of the classes gave unmingled satisfaction, and testify in strong terms to the zeal, fidelity and ability with which the faculty have discharged their duties, as well as to the irreproachable character and high attainments of the students.

It is recommended to the Synod that it require the name of any director who shall be absent from the appointed meetings of the Board, without satisfactory excuse, to be stricken from the roll. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That if any Director shall be absent from any appointed meeting of the Board, without assigning a sufficient excuse, his name shall be dropped from the roll.

As the term of office of the 4th class of the Board of Directors expires at this meeting of the Synod, your committee recommend the re-election of the same class, viz: Rev. J. Henry Smith, Rev. John M. Sherwood and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, ruling-elder.

And as there are two ruling-elders to be appointed on the Board of Electors at this time, in the places of Mr. M. D. Johnston and Rev. C. H. Wiley, your committee suggest the names of Mr. W. H. Crow and Mr. D. A. Davis, ruling-elders.

The condition and prospects of this seminary are encouraging to a large degree, and should inspire us with yet greater interest in its welfare and in enlarged efforts to promote its spiritual and material prosperity.

Your committee suggest that the seminary, in its relations to our church and its claims, be more frequently brought to the attention of our people, and that they be induced to co-operate in sustaining it by their prayers and by their means, either by contributing to its funds or ministering to the present wants of the students.

With the prayer that the richest blessings of heaven may ever descend upon this beloved institution, your committee submit the foregoing.

Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 20, 1868.

On motion, Synod took recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

At 3 o'clock P. M. the Synod met, and the statistical report of the Synod to the General Assembly was read by the Stated Clerk, and, on motion, it was accepted and adopted. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Synod of North Carolina reports to the General Assembly of the Presby-

terian church in the United States, that on the 20th day of November 1868, they erected a new Presbytery out of a part of the territory belonging to Fayetteville Presbytery, and that the new Presbytery is to be known by the name of "THE PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON," and that now Synod consists of 4 Presbyteries, and that these Presbyteries consist in whole of 94 ministers, having under their care 188 churches, 4 licentiates and 26 candidates, viz:

Presbyteries.	Ministers.	Churches.	Licentiates.	Candidates.
Orange,	23	51	1	7
Concord,	41	69	1	12
Fayetteville,	20	43	00	7
Wilmington,	10	25	2	00
Total,	94	188	4	26

The Synod further reports that its next meeting will be held in Morganton, N. C., on the second Wednesday in October 1869, at 7 o'clock P. M.

JACOB DOLL, Stated Clerk.

Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 20, 1868.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was ordered to have one thousand copies of the Minutes of Synod published in pamphlet form.

The committee on the minutes of Fayetteville Presbytery made a report recommending their approval as far as written. This report was, on motion, accepted and adopted.

The committee on the Treasurer's account made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find the account correctly kept and accompanied by the proper vouchers.

Your committee recommends that the Presbyteries of Orange and Concord be assessed each seventy-five dollars, the Presbytery of Fayetteville fifty dollars, and the Presbytery of Wilmington twenty-five dollars.

On motion, it was resolved to place the reports of the Synodical Agents on the objects of benevolence in the hands of the editor of the "North Carolina Presbyterian," to be used by him at his discretion.

On motion, the order requiring Agents to furnish condensed abstracts of their reports, to be published in the Appendix to the Minutes, was rescinded.

On motion, the following resolution, which was passed at the 54th session of the Synod, held in Newbern, N. C., Nov. 1, 1867, was rescinded, viz:

5th. Resolved, That when any church has reasonable complaints to make, &c., &c. [See printed Minutes, 12th page and 5th resolution.]

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the thanks of this Synod are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Wilmington for their hospitality and kindness to the members of this body, and also to the authorities of the Methodist and Baptist churches for the tender of their houses of worship, and to the several railroad and steamboat companies for facilities afforded to its members in attending this meeting.

Resolved, 2. That the Rev. H. L. Singleton be requested to read this notice from his pulpit at his earliest convenience.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Synod to prepare a sketch of the life and labors of the Rev. Robert Tate was, on motion, continued.

The committee on leave of absence made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

The committee on leave of absence report, that they gave permission to the following members to be absent after the close of the sessions on Friday, viz: *Ministers:* R. Burwell, H. McLean, N. T. Bowden, M. McNair, H. A. Munroe, A. McMillan, John H. Coble and S. H. Isler. *Ruling-Elders:* W. H. Crow, J. D. McNeill, M. McKinnon, N. Graham, W. J. Currie, L. McNeill, A. Baker and D. C. McIntyre.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the respective Presbyterial committees on education be directed to take steps to bring before the churches the importance of furnishing rooms in Davidson College for candidates for the ministry, and of providing other material aid as clothing, &c., for their support.

The committee on devotional exercises made their report, which was, on motion, accepted, and the committee discharged.

On motion, it was resolved that the Rev. G. W. McPhail and others be heard upon the condition and interests of Davidson College, after public services to-night.

On motion, leave of absence was granted to Rev. Messrs. C. Shaw and S. C. Alexander; also to B. F. Sanders and H. Broaddus, ruling-elders.

On motion, Synod took recess until after public worship.

After public worship the Synod was called to order, and the Rev. G. Wilson McPhail and others were heard upon the interests of Davidson College.

On motion, leave of absence was granted to Rev. D. A. Penick, Jr.

The roll was called, when it appeared that the following members of Synod were absent without permission, viz:

Of the Presbytery of Orange.—Mr. J. C. Wharton, ruling-elder.

Of the Presbytery of Concord.—Mr. R. I. McDowell, ruling-elder.

Of the Presbytery of Fayetteville.—Mr. William K. Cromartie, George S. Carr and M. Morrison, ruling-elders.

Of the Presbytery of Wilmington.—Mr. John Everitt, ruling-elder.

The Minutes were read and approved.

On motion, the Synod then adjourned, to meet in Morganton, N. C., on the second Wednesday of October 1869, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Closed with devotional exercises.

JACOB DOLL, Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

ADDRESS OF THE SYNOD

Of the Presbyterian Church of North Carolina, to the Churches within its bounds.

Dear Brethren:—Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We feel impelled to address you with great solemnity and tenderness. The circumstances of the time are such as to demand of us as your spiritual advisers and guides the greatest watchfulness and care; and on your part increased fidelity, circumspection, diligence and prayer. When we consider the dispensations of the Divine Providence and Grace toward us, we feel called to devout thankfulness, trust and hope. We are persuaded that if we are straitened, we are straitened in ourselves; not in our God. For in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. The reports of our Presbyteries for the past year show that He has not been unmindful of His covenant; nor left Himself without expressive and precious testimonials of His faithfulness, power and love. Our churches have all been favored with internal harmony and peace. The glorious Gospel of the blessed God is preached among us, in the utmost purity. Some few of our churches report the special presence of the Holy Ghost in His life-giving and saving energy. Prayer-meetings, Bible-classes and Sunday-schools are in general use, in most of our congregations supplied with pastors; and we hope that the

spirit of missionary aggression, at home and abroad, has received a gracious impulse. Our territory is very large in proportion to our strength and numbers; and many of our settled Pastors are endeavoring to afford at least a partial supply to destitute points in our Synod. The system of Evangelists, so clearly recognized in the sacred Scriptures and in the constitution of our church, should be more extensively revived and restored among us. True spiritual prosperity requires that the doctrines of the Gospel be not merely speculatively admitted and retained, but punctually expounded and illustrated. We expect in a few months that our Synod will be represented by one of our ministers as a missionary on a foreign soil; and we invoke on behalf of himself, his family and his mission your sacred sympathies and prayers.

Truth requires us to say, however, that in a survey of our condition there are facts and considerations which throw a shade of darkness over the brighter tints of the picture; and suggest that humiliation and repentance before God are not less proper to us than thanksgiving and praise. In many of our churches the accessions to our numbers have been lamentably few; and in some none at all. This should be looked upon by us as at once a calamity and a rebuke. Next to the withholding of the bread of life is the withdrawal of the spirit of grace and regeneration. It is matter of regret also, that so many, especially of our feebler and vacant churches, should be reported as doing little or nothing for religious and benevolent objects. The contribution of our substance to the cause of God is as truly a part of Divine worship and as natural an expression of the spirit of gratitude and love as prayer itself; and it is associated with prayer in the experience of the faithful and in the sure testimonies of God. It ought to be assumed, that in every Christian family God will be worshipped: and yet we have reason to believe and to lament, that in many professedly Christian households family worship is wholly unknown.

There are certain dangers arising from the peculiar and painful embarrassments of the country, to which we feel bound in faithfulness to direct your attention.

Many who were formerly free from pecuniary pressure and the temptations incident to poverty, now find it hard to provide for themselves and those of their own household. They are, therefore, tempted to devices to evade their debts inconsistent with a nice honor and a sensitive conscience. They are in peril of making their legal obligations the measure of their moral duties, and of withholding more than is meet from the Lord's treasury. Coveteousness is a sin which the Lord abhorreth and against which in our circumstances it is especially incumbent on us to guard.

The political excitements and animosities of the times too, are such as should render the wise and conscientious believer peculiarly guarded in spirit and in speech. The church of the Prince of Peace should be the abode of peace; and no differences of political sentiment should be permitted to disturb its divine harmony or to mar its spiritual beauty.

Finally, brethren, farewell; be perfect; be of good comfort; be of one mind; live in peace; and the God of love and of peace shall be with you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen.

D. D. McBRYDE, Moderator.

REPORT OF ORANGE PRESBYTERY ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully presents to the Synod of North Carolina the following report on Systematic Benevolence:

We have had during the year ending April 1, 1868, under our care 49 churches, of these, 33 have reported contributions to benevolent objects.

Of the 16 churches which failed to report any contributions, 13 have scarcely any existence. So that it may be said with propriety that all the churches in this Presbytery, having any strength worth speaking of, in the way of members or in the way of pecuniary ability, have contributed to benevolent objects except three. This is manifestly a very great improvement on the year that preceded it.

The aggregate amounts contributed during the year ending April 1, 1868, are as follows:

Foreign Missions,	$535 00
Sustentation,	783 00
Education,	639 00
Publication,	551 00
Miscellaneous,	1227 00
Total,	$3735 00
The total amount contributed during the preceding year was only	1686 68

So that the total amount of the contributions of the present year is largely more than double the amount contributed during the year which preceded it.

But leaving out of the account the contributions to Miscellaneous objects which do not come properly under the head of *Systematic* benevolence, we have two very encouraging facts:

First: The contributions to the 4 committees of the church for the year ending April 1, 1868, amounted to $2508 00.

The contributions reported for the same objects for the year ending April 1, 1867, amounted only to $921 70.

Showing that the aggregate of the contributions for the present year exceeds the contributions of the year preceding it nearly $1600.

Secondly: During the year ending April 1, 1868, 33 churches contributed to the four committees of the church, while during the year which preceded it only 18 churches contributed, showing that the number of churches which made contributions this year nearly doubles the number which are reported as making contributions during the year which preceded it.

From these facts the Presbytery is induced to hope and believe that the churches under its care are disposed to come up more faithfully to the discharge of this branch of christian duty.

JACOB DOLL, Stated Clerk.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.

The Presbytery of Concord report that all the objects of benevolence contemplated by the Church receive their attention:

That Concord Presbytery contributed during the year to Foreign Missions,	$750 51
Publication,	259 77

Sustentation,	1,594 00
Education,	1,150 00
Miscellaneous objects,	1,888 00
Total,	$5,642 28

Our last report gave a total of $4,278 55.

We have not as yet received reports from the Churches concerning what has been done in behalf of disabled and deceased Ministers' families. And many of our Churches have failed to make any report to Presbytery of what was contributed by them to any of the objects. We believe the above aggregate would be considerably increased if we were able to collect fuller statistics. Our Presbytery has made advances every year in this department, which we have to confess our Churches have so long neglected and undervalued.

Respectfully submitted.

R. Z. JOHNSTON, Stated Clerk.

Sept. 26, 1868.

SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

The Committee on Systematic Benevolence, would respectfully submit the following report:

That during the past ecclesiastical year, the following amounts have been contributed to the various Committees of our General Assembly, viz: Up to April 8th, 1868—

35	Churches	contributed	to Sustentation,	$617 47
18	"	"	" Foreign Missions,	203 92
21	"	"	" Education,	126 10
21	"	"	" Publication,	129 83

From April 8th, 1868 to Nov. 11th, 1868—

28	Churches	contributed	to Sustentation,	$544 40
31	"	"	" Foreign Missions,	296 21
23	"	"	" Education,	127 53
22	"	"	" Publication,	126 46
12	"	"	" Disabled Ministers, &c.,	68 11
Total amount contributed,				$2440 01

Respectfully submitted, by order of Presbytery,

J. A. McPHERSON, Stated Clerk.

Rockfish Church, N. C., Nov. 18th, 1868.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, VA.

Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, Virginia, to the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY VA., MAY 14, 1868.

The Board of Directors respectfully report: That the members of the Faculty remain and occupy the respective chairs of instruction as reported on the 16th May 1867, to-wit:

President and Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology and Evidences, Rev. Samuel B. Wilson, D.D.

Professor of Systematic and Polemical Theology and Sacred Rhetoric, (adjunct) Rev. R. L. Dabney, D.D.

Professor of Oriental Literature and Biblical Introduction, Rev. B. M. Smith, D.D.

Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Polity, Rev. Thos. E. Peck, D.D.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Synod of Virginia—present at this meeting: Wm. H. Foote, D.D., Wm. Brown, D.D., C. H. Read, D.D., Rev. S. D. Stuart, Rev. J. H. Fitzgerald, Rev. H. C. Alexander, and Messrs. A. G. McIlwaine, E. M. Armstrong and C. C. Read.

Absent: Rev. W. J. White, D.D., Rev. J. C. Barr and J. R. Tucker.

Synod of North Carolina—present at this meeting: Rev. S. A. Stanfield, Rev. J. Henry Smith, Rev. J. Rumple, Rev. E. Hines, Rev. J. M. Atkinson, E. Nye Hutchison, M.D.

Absent: N. M. Roane, M. D., M. V. Lanier, Rev. J. M. Sherwood, Rev. F. H. Johnston, Hon. J. G. Shepherd, Rev. J. P. McPherson.

Whole number of students for the past year, twenty-four (24.)

Senior—Geo. W. Finley, Va.; H. Glass, Ky.; B. Helm, Ky.; M. H. Houston, Va.; Edw. Lane, Va.; G. Nash Morton, Va.; Wm. U. Murkland, N. C.; Rob't H. Nall, Ala.; Wm. H. H. Winfree, Va.

Middle—Edward T. Converse, Va.; James B. Converse, Va.; Alex. Cowan, Tenn.; William E. Hill, Va.; H. R. Laird, Va.; Arch'd McFadyen, N. C.; W. D. Morton, Va.; John Silas Young, Tenn.

Junior—H. E. C. Baskerville, Va.; Edw'd T. Hoye, Va.; John Garniss Hunter, Ky.; Jacob Lewis, West Va.; Charles H. Scott, Va.; James Shearer, Va.; D. S. Sydenstreaker, West Va. Total 24.

Of these, eight have completed the whole course of study, and have received certificates from the Board at this meeting, to-wit: H. Glass, Ky.; B. Helm, Ky.; Edw'd Lane, Va., G. Nash Morton, Va.; W. U. Murkland, N. C.; R. H. Nall, Ala.; Wm. H. H. Winfree, Va.; E. T. Converse, Va.

The Library is in a good condition, comprising above five thousand five hundred volumes, of which five hundred and seventy volumes have been added during the last year.

FUNDS.

The total amount of investments, deemed available by the Treasurer, for payment of *salaries* and *current expenses* is estimated at one hundred and thirty-six thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars and eighty-eight cents ($136,960 88.)

There are five complete scholarships, one of which (called the Baxter Douglass,) was constituted since the last meeting of the Board, by the late Miss Nancy Reid, of Lexington, Va.

There are other incomplete scholarships for which the sum of $7334 12 has been contributed.

The condition of the buildings and grounds has, within the past year, been much improved, by a judicious, tasteful, and economical expenditure.

The examination of the classes has given unusual satisfaction, reflecting much credit upon the ability and fidelity of the Professors, the system of study, and the character and attainments of the students.

It is a ground of rejoicing and hope that five of those now graduated have in purpose to devote themselves to the gospel ministry in foreign lands.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SYNODS.

It is recommended to the Synods of Virginia and North Carolina, to require,

that if any of the Directors appointed by them shall fail to attend any meeting of this Board, or of the Board of Trustees, without giving a satisfactory reason, to his Synod, for his absence, his office as Director and Trustee shall thereby be vacated.

The Synod of Virginia having made no provisions for the traveling expenses of its Directors, that Synod is respectfully overtured, and earnestly urged, to give special attention to this subject, and to make certain provisions therefor.

By order of the Boards. C. C. READ, Secretary.

The officers of the Boards are as follows, to-wit: Rev. S. A. Stanfield, of N. C., President; Rev. W. H. Foote, D.D., 1st and A. G. McIlwaine, of Va., 2d Vice Presidents; C. C. Read, Farmville, Va., Secretary; Rev. R. L. Dabney, D.D., Hampden Sidney, Va., Assistant Sec'y; F. N. Watkins, Farmville, Va. Treasurer.

The post office address, of the Faculty and Students, is "Hampden Sidney Va."

The annual meeting of the Board is on Tuesday after the second Monday in May, at 4 P. M., (11th May 1869.)

C. C. READ, Secretary.

Farmville, Va., May 15th, 1868.

To the Synod of North Carolina at its Session at Wilmington, Nov. 18, 1868.

The condition of the funds remains as they were in our report of 1867. We have been unable to collect any moneys.

THOS. A. ALLISON, for the Trustees.

Synod of North Carolina, in account with D. A. Davis, Treas'r.

1867,				
Oct. 31.	By balance from old account,			$52 50
1868.				
May 14.	To amount sent Rev. J. M. Sherwood on account for printing,	$50 00		
June 12.	To amount paid Express freight on package from Rev. R. N. Davis,	50		
June 12.	By amount received from Rev. R. N. Davis, Treasurer Concord Presbytery,			50 00
Nov. 17.	To cash sent Rev. J. Doll, Stated Clerk,	52 00		
19.	By amount assessment from J. H. Lindsay, Treasurer Orange Presbytery,			50 00
21.	By amount assessment from A. McLean, Treasurer Fayetteville Presbytery,			50 00
21.	To amount paid Rev. J. Doll, Stated Clerk, balance of account,	27 88		
21.	To amount paid Rev. J. M. Sherwood on account for printing Minutes for 1867,	50 00		
21.	To amount paid Rev. J. M. Sherwood on account,	22 12		
		$202 50		$202 50

D. A. DAVIS, Treasurer Synod N. C.

Moderators of the Synod of North Carolina.

MODERATORS.	PLACE OF MEETING.
1813. Rev. Robert H. Chapman	Alamance Church.
1814. Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell	Thyatira Church.
1815. Rev. William McPheeters	Fayetteville.
1816. Rev. John Robinson	Raleigh.
1817. No meeting—no quorum present	Rocky River.
1818. Rev. Joseph Caldwell, D.D.	Fayetteville.
1819. Rev. Jonathan Otis Freeman, M.D.	Raleigh.
1820. Rev. William Paisley	Poplar Tent.
1821. Rev. John M. Wilson	Salisbury.
1822. Rev. John Robinson	Hillsboro'.
1823. Rev. John Witherspoon	Fayetteville.
1824. Rev. Colin McIver	Statesville.
1825. Rev. John B. Davis	Greensboro'
1826. Rev. William McPheeters, D.D.	Fayetteville.
1827. The Stated Clerk has no record of this and two succeeding meetings.	
1828. Rev. Lemuel D. Hatch	Raleigh.
1829. Rev. John Williamson	Fayetteville.
1830. Rev. Samuel Graham	Hopewell.
1831. Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich	Hillsboro'.
1832. Rev. Samual Williamson	Salisbury.
1833. Rev. Henry A. Rowland	Wilmington.
1834. Rev. James W. Douglass	Oxford.
1835. Rev. Henry N. Pharr	Salisbury.
1836. Rev. Joseph Brown	Fayetteville.
1837. Rev. N. H. Harding	Shiloh Church.
1838. Rev. Stephen Frontis	Third Creek Church.
1839. Rev. Daniel A. Penick	Lincolnton.
1840. Rev. Alexander Wilson, D.D.	Danville, Va.
1841. Rev. William N. Peacock	Fayetteville.
1842. Rev. Walter S. Pharr	Poplar Tent.
1843. Rev. James Phillips	Raleigh.
1844. Rev. Simeon Colton	Fayetteville.
1845. Rev. Samuel Williamson	Charlotte.
1846. Rev. Drury Lacy	Greensboro'.
1847. Rev. Evander McNair	Fayetteville.
1848. Rev. Cyrus Johnston	Salisbury.
1849. Rev. John A. Gretter	Hillsboro'.
1850. Rev. Adam Gilchrist	Centre.
1851. Rev. Archibald Baker	Rocky River.
1852. Rev. William N. Mebane	Danville, Va.
1853. Rev. Hector McLean	Wilmington.
1854. Rev. A. L. Watts	Concord.
1855. Rev. Eli W. Caruthers, D.D.	Greensboro'.
1856. Rev. Neill McKay	Fayetteville.
1857. Rev. Walter W. Pharr	Charlotte.

1858. Rev. Jacob Doll.....Newbern.
1859. Rev. F. K. Nash.....Wilmington.
1860. Rev. R. H. Lafferty.....Statesville.
1861. Rev. Edward Hines.....Raleigh.
1862. Rev. John M. Sherwood.....Goldsboro'.
1863. Rev. R. N. Davis.....Salisbury.
1864. Rev. A. G. Hughes.....Greensboro'.
1865. Rev. Colin Shaw.....Fayetteville.
1866. Rev. R. Hett Chapman, D.D.....Charlotte.
1867. Rev. Archibald Currie.....Newbern.
1868. Rev. D. D. McBryde.....Wilmington.

Stated Clerks of the Synod of North Carolina.

1813. Rev. Robert H. Chapman.
1818. Rev. Colin McIver.
1849. Rev. Drury Lacy.
1855. Rev. Archibald Baker.
1859. Rev. Jacob Doll.

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN NORTH CAROLINA.

FIRST CLASS TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

Rev. J. Henry Smith.
Rev. J. M. Sherwood.
Dr. E. Nye Hutchinson, Ruling-Elder.
To go out in 1872.

SECOND CLASS TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

Rev. J. P. McPherson.
Rev. Edward Hines.
Dr. N. M. Roan, Ruling-Elder.
To go out in 1871.

THIRD CLASS TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

Rev. S. A. Stanfield.
Rev. J. Rumple.
Mr. M. V. Lanier, Ruling-Elder.
To go out in 1870.

FOURTH CLASS TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

Rev. F. H. Johnston.
Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson.
Hon. J. G. Shepherd, Ruling-Elder.
To go out in 1869.

Electors in North Carolina.

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